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Letter dated 1 May 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a joint communiqué between the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the Government of the Republic of the Sudan regarding continued cooperation within the umbrella of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could circulate the present letter with its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 1 May 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Joint communiqué

On Friday, 26 April 2002, Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan, visited Uganda and met with Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, and delivered a verbal message from Omar Hassan Ahmed El-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan. On Saturday, 27 April 2002, Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail met with his counterpart, Honourable James Wapakhabulo, Third Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda, and they agreed to issue the following communiqué.

1. The Governments of both the Sudan and Uganda agreed to continue and develop their current cooperation and expand it within the umbrella of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) for the achievement of strategic cooperation towards peace and economic development within the region of the member States of IGAD. Both parties will continue consultation with other member States of IGAD in order to work out the appropriate mechanism for implementation of the same.

2. The Governments of both the Sudan and Uganda reviewed the implementation of their commitments under the Nairobi Agreement, 1999, and reaffirmed their commitment to its full implementation, including measures in place. They agreed to upgrade the level of diplomatic representation between their countries to the level of Ambassadors, and to establish a Joint Ministerial Committee in order to undertake and supervise the development of bilateral relations between their countries. The Joint Ministerial Committee will be under the joint chairmanship of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of both the Sudan and Uganda.

3. Both Governments discussed the prospects of a peaceful solution to the conflict in the southern Sudan and the Government of Uganda agreed to expedite and maximize the Ugandan factor in the realization of a sustainable peace in the southern Sudan under the umbrella of IGAD.

4. Both Governments agreed to extend their cooperation and coordinate with each other in the multilateral sphere, and to discuss in advance their respective positions with each other, in case of differences, before taking any action.

Issued in Kampala, Republic of Uganda, on Saturday, 27 April 2002

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Honourable James **Wapakhabulo**
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